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SUBJ: TDY ASSISTANCE FOR QUEBEC

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1. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE RECENT PARTI
QUEBECOIS VICTORY IN QUEBEC HAS SIGNIFICANTLY ALTERED
THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IN CANADA AND COULD ENDANGER
THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE CANADIAN CONFEDERATION.
THE DIRECTION TAKEN BY THE LEVESQUE GOVERNMENT OVER
THE NEXT FEW YEARS WILL HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICAIONS
FOR U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS. IT IS THEREFORE
IMPERATIVE THAT OUR CONSULATE GENERAL IN QUEBEC BE STAFFED TO
TRANSMIT CLASSIFIED TELEGRAMS IN A TIMELY MANNER.

2. WE ANTICIPATE WITH THE OPENING OF THE NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY IN EARLY JANUARY THAT OUR CONSULATE GENERAL
WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY ACTIVE IN REPORTING DEVELOP-
MENTS. SINCE EARLY NOVEMBER, THE EMBASSY HAS, EXCEPT FOR A
TEN-DAY PERIOD, PROVIDED A TDY COMMUNICATOR TO QUEBEC. ALTHOUGH
THE CONTINUED ABSENCE OF ONE COMMUNICATOR CREATES A BURDEN,
WE ANTICIPATE COVERING DECEMBER WITH INTERNAL RESOURCES.

3. WITH THE UPCOMING INSTALLATION OF TERP AND SECURE
PHONE IN JANUARY, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO SEND
TDY C&R PERSONNEL TO QUEBEC FROM OTTAWA. THE
DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A TDY COMMUNICATOR
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FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. ON BASIS EXPERIENCE TO BE

GAINED DURING THIS PERIOD WE WILL BE ABLE TO DETERMINE
MORE ACCURATELY WHAT PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE
OVER LONGER RUN.
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